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Good Afternoon, Jenna

On Wednesday I mentioned some climate resiliency policies from other jurisdictions relating to air conditioning. I wanted to follow-up with sources for the information I relayed.

1. Cooling Portland Program- “Paid for by the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund, connects low-income residents with free portable cooling and heating units – prioritizing seniors and those medical conditions. It was launched in 2022 following the deadly heat dome of 2021, which claimed the lives of 72 people. It has been two weeks since the program announced its partnership with 311 to help make it easier for qualifying residents to get on the waitlist. Program directors say they received more than 1,000 requests within 24 hours. Since then, dashboard data shows 430 units have been installed.” [Cooling Portland: A PCEF-funded climate resilience program | Portland.gov](#)
2. Oregon’s [Senate Bill 1536](#), which prohibits landlords from restricting portable cooling devices.
3. Spokane’s Heat, Health and Safety Ordinance which will take effect in mid-July codifies a tenant’s right to air conditioning. “The proposed amendments provide protection for tenants from retaliation, establish a private right of action, and prevent a landlord from prohibiting or restricting a tenant from installing or using a portable cooling device as long as building codes, law and safety guidelines are followed.” [ordinance-c36523-heat-health-and-safety.pdf \(spokanecity.org\)](#)

I did some of this research in response to the discussion the EJC had at their last meeting and further enforced by the public survey results. I hope this provides more context around my comments from Wednesday.

Huge thanks to you and the project team for facilitating this important work!

Best Regards,

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